Below is a sampling of projects that TCDD provided grant funding for during federal fiscal year 2018.

#### **Accessible Transportation**

Texas Statewide Independent Living Council (Galveston, Hidalgo, McLennan, and Travis counties)

#### **Building Community Capacity through Collaboration**

Community Healthcore (East Texas)
Volar Center for Independent Living (West Texas)

#### **Community Outreach Coordinator**

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (Rio Grande Valley)

#### **Culturally Appropriate Family Supports**

Light & Salt Association (Houston)
REACH Families (Dallas)

#### **DD Policy Fellows**

Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (statewide)
Disability Rights Texas (statewide)
EveryChild, Inc. (statewide)
The Arc of Texas (statewide)

#### **Families in Schools**

Region 17 Education Service Center (West Texas)

#### **Hurricane Harvey Relief**

The Arc of Texas (Southeast Texas)

#### **Leadership Development and Advocacy Training**

Easterseals Central Texas (statewide)
Family to Family Network (Southeast Texas)
Paso del Norte (El Paso)
West Central Texas Regional Foundation
(Brown, Coleman, Comanche, and Runnels counties)

#### **Peer-Support Specialists**

Imagine Art (Travis County)
Project Amistad (El Paso)
Texas Advocates (Bexas and Travis counties)
Texas SILC (North Central Texas, South Texas)

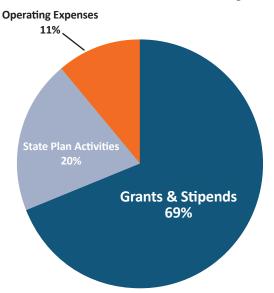
#### **Youth Leadership Development**

Educational Programs Inspiring Communities, Inc. (Harris County)
Mounting Horizons (Galveston)
SAFE (Travis County)

#### **Texas Sibling Network**

The University of Texas at Austin (statewide)

# **Investments in Grant Projects**



Total federal funding: \$5.2 million

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## **TCDD's Mission**

The mission of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) is to create change so that all people with disabilities are fully included in their communities and exercise control over their own lives.

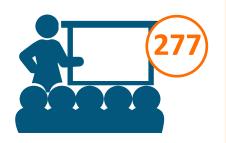
# What is DD?

Developmental disabilities (DD) are severe, chronic disabilities that begin before a person reaches age 22 and are likely to continue throughout one's life. Examples of DD include intellectual disabilities, autism, and cerebral palsy.

# The DD Act

TCDD was established in the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act). The purpose of the DD Act is to help individuals with DD achieve independence, productivity, integration and inclusion into the community.

# A Sampling of TCDD's Impact in 2018



277 self-advocates and family members participated in leadership and advocacy training.



Over 800 people developed a deeper knowledge of **supported decision-making.** 



Over 600 people have improved access to **culturally competent** services and supports.



110 disability advocates learned about the **legislative process** and visited their legislators.



195 people displaced by **Hurricane Harvey** had access to supports so they could return home.



Over 1,000 parents and teachers learned skills to **support students** with disabilities.



58 people with disabilities were supported to serve on boards or committees.



Self-advocates gave presentations on disability topics to 85 people at local and national conferences.



TCDD connected with advocates across Texas by participating in over 20 disability-related events.



40 young adults
with disabilities
strengthened their
advocacy skills
through leadership
activities.



6 TCDD Policy
Fellows developed
skills needed
to engage in
disability-related
policy activities.



TCDD shared the disability perspective by serving on 12 committees and taskforces.

### The Council

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